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Council President John V. Bazzano and  
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March 13, 2006

Dear Council President Bazzano and Councilpersons:

Your Education Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 to receive a Hartford Public Schools 05-06 budget presentation update.

Present at the meeting were your Education Chairperson James Boucher, Committeepersons Kenneth H. Kennedy, Jr., and Robert L. Painter. Also present were Chief Operating Officer Lee Erdmann, Corporation Counsel John Rose, Superintendent for Hartford Public Schools Robert Henry; HPS staff Sandy Cruz-Serrano, Julio Molleda, Delores Bolton and Eileen Katz; HBOE Israel Flores; HBOE David MacDonald; Connecticut State Department of Education Hartford Public Schools Liaison Marcus Rivera; concerned citizens and city staff.

The presentation included an update on projections for the upcoming 2006 – 2007 school budget. The Superintendent and Hartford School Board are still looking at various guidelines to what a 'maintenance budget' would be for the upcoming year. The Superintendent stated that no number or forecast for a specific increase could yet be 'officially' projected, but the percentage increase for the upcoming budget appeared to be closer to a 2% annual increase (based on the \$256-million 05-06 budget) as opposed to the 4% increase (based on previous year trends). This is only an estimate. The Committee also received an updated magnet school budget (see attachment).

Chairperson Boucher requested an official projection be provided before the March 7<sup>th</sup> State Legislative Education Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Boucher  
Chairperson, Education Committee